STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2566

Honolulu, Hawaii FEB 2 8 2014

RE: S.B. No. 2466

S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2014 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 2466 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require licensed marriage and family therapists to complete a minimum of forty-five hours of continuing education courses during each licensing triennium subsequent to their first license renewal.

The National Association of Social Workers and four concerned individuals submitted written comments in support of this measure. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs submitted written comments on this measure.

Your Committee finds that this measure will ensure that licensed marriage and family therapists will maintain their professional competency and keep abreast of the latest developments in their profession. As a result of this measure, Hawaii will no longer be one of two remaining states that do not require continuing education as part of its marriage and family therapist licensing laws.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

(1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, in order to facilitate further discussion on this measure; and

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(2) Making technical nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2466, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2466, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

DAVID Y. IGE, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Seventh Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)					
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)					
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne					
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.					
ENGLISH, J. Kalani					
ESPERO, Will					
KAHELE, Gilbert					
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.					
KOUCHI, Ronald D.					
RUDERMAN, Russell E.					
THIELEN, Laura H.					
TOKUDA, Jill N.					
SLOM, Sam					
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